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1. POST RECEIVED TELECON FROM LINDE IN LOS ANGELES 0900 HRS GMT
MARCH 24 IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AND DISCOURAGEMENT REGARDING
HIS B-1 STORY. HE SAID HE BELIEVES THERE MAY BE MISUNDERSTANDINGS
AND COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS AND EMPHASIZED HIS DESIRE TO COOPERAT.

2. HE SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH FPC'S WIEDMAIER AND PENTAGON'S
GEN. DALTON AND LT. KEEFER, AND THAT LATTER TOLD HIM A REQUEST
WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED FOR ACCESS TO EDWARDS AFB. LINDE ADDED
THAT KEEFER SAID LINDE WAS EXPECTED IN WASHINGTON MARCH 22 OR 23
TO VIEW FILM (REFTEL A). POST NOTES THAT LINDE HAD SAID HE WOULD
BE IN LA AREA THESE DATES (REFTEL B), BUT THAT HE WOULD BE IN
WASHINGTON MARCH 25, A DATE NOW IN DOUBT CONSIDERING HIS CURRENT
DIFFICULTIES IN LA AREA. HE WAS INFORMED MARCH 19 OF CONTENTS
REFTEL (A).

3. HE SAID HE HAS AGAIN TALKED WITH ROCKWELL'S PR MAN DAVE
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WRIGHT, WHO REITERATED PREVIOUS STATEMENT THAT DOD CLEARANCE
NEEDED FOR LINDE TO LOOK AT FILM THERE (BUT WHO HAD EARLIER
SAID THAT TECHNICAL QUALITY OF ROCKWELL FILM BETTER THAN THAT
HELD BY DOD AND SUGGESTED IF POSSIBLE THAT ROCKWELL FILM MIGHT
BE BEST TO USE, IF DOD WOULD CONCUR, ACCORDING TO LINDE).
LINDE ALSO REQUESTED PERMISSION MARCH 22 FROM WRIGHT TO TALK TO
SOME WORKERS AND ROCKWELL OFFICIALS ABOUT IMPACT OF B-1 PROGRAM

ON EMPLOYMENT, BUT WAS REFUSED.

4. THUS, HE ASSERTS, TO AVOID FURTHER CONFUSION AND IN SINCERE EFFORT TO COOPERATE LINDE NOW SUBMITS REQUEST FOR:

- A. ADMISSION TO EDWARDS TO VIEW AND FILM PLANE. HE SAID THAT PROGRAM ON B-1 LACKS AUDIENCE CREDIBILITY UNLESS HE CAN OFFER EVIDENCE HE HAS SEEN AIRCRAFT.
- B. INTERVIEWS WITH SAMPLING OF ROCKWELL WORKERS PLUS COMPANY PRESIDENT AND SOMEONE IN PERSONNEL OFFICE.

5. LINDE POINTS OUT THAT OTHER FILM CREWS HAVE PHOTOGRAPHED PLANE AND SAID HE BELIEVES B-1 WAS IN FLIGHT AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN CREWS DURING PRESS CONFERENCE "TWO WEEKS AGO" WHEN SPACE SHUTTLE WAS DISPLAYED. CBS ALSO FILMING, HE SAID.

6. LINDE CAN BE REACHED AT HOTEL PEN AND QUILL, LOS ANGELS, TEL. (213) 545 8466, ROOM 237. HE INDICATED HE WOULD PHONE COL. WIEDMAIER THURSDAY MARCH 24, PROBABLY AROUND NOON.

7. POST SUGGESTS SITUATION DESERVES DEFINITIVE AND SENSIBLE SOLUTION SOONEST TO AVOID CONTINUING REQUESTS. IF MISUNDERSTANDINGS ARE INDEED THE CAUSE OF LINDE'S CONCERN, POST SUGGESTS THAT FPC REVIEW REFTELS, ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FROM LINDE HIS SPECIFIC REQUESTS AND THEN GIVE HIM SPECIFIC ANSWERS ONE BY ONE, IN EFFECT STARTING FROM THE BEGINNING TO CLARIFY SCOPE AND NATURE OF HIS PROGRAM, HIS REQUESTS AND THE EXTENT OF SERVICE FPC AND DOD CAN PROVIDE. POST NOTES THAT IT HAS NO INDICATION HE WANTS TO PRODUCE ANYTHING OTHER THAN A BALANCED UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM. INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY SUGGESTS THAT HIS PREVIOUS MILITARY-RELATED SHOWS HAVE NOT BEEN DISADVANTAGEOUS TO US POLICY. CONSIDERING PREVIOUS MESSAGES AND KNOWLEDGE OF FPC-DOD CONSULTATIONS, POST REFRAINS FROM AID RECOMMENDATIONS. HOWEVER, POST DOES FEEL SITUATION SHOULD BE RESOLVED ONE WAY OR THE OTHER IMMEDIATELY, TO DISABUSE HIM OF HIS BELIEF HE IS GETTING EVASIONS INSTEAD OF DECISIONS. WEYL

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